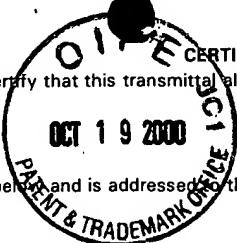


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), an extension of time is requested as marked below:

ACTION FOR WHICH EXTENSION IS REQUESTED

Response to non-final office action mailed 06/19/00.
 (timely and complete response not previously filed).
 Response to final office action mailed
 (application not placed in a condition for allowance by a previous timely filed response).
 Filing of Appellant's brief, notice of appeal dated .
 Filing of a continuing application having an express abandonment of this application conditioned on the granting of a filing date to the continuing application.

EXTENSION REQUEST PERIOD AND FEE CALCULATION

The period for taking the above-identified action without extension fees expired on 09/19/00.
 The period for taking the above-identified action has previously been extended (by the payment of the appropriate extension fee) to

The requested extension period (and associated fee) is:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month § 1.17(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 55.00 - small entity* \$ 110.00
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Comments:

*Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 is enclosed.
 Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 which may be due should be charged to deposit account no. 20-1469. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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